

TIMELY TOPICS.

NEW ORLEANS receives nine-tenths of the immigrants to the southern states.

The school children of America annually pay \$500,000 for school books, of which it is said the publishers cost \$350,000.

An English paper says that it is thought in many quarters that the Jews are going to purchase the Holy Land of Turkey, with a view of going there in a body.

PROF. TAYLOR LEWIS says that an idea of a God who merely started the universe and then left it to evolution "is exceedingly attenuated."

It is now ascertained that Winslow, the Boston forger, sailed from New York for Rotterdam, Holland. He laid his plans well, as there is no extradition treaty with that country.

The Northampton, Mass., bank robbery, turns out to have been a tremendous haul for the crooks. It is estimated that over \$600,000 in money, stocks and bonds were pilloped by the robbers.

CHINESE stand by each other in this country. Those employed in shoe-making in North Adams have contributed out of their scanty earnings \$47 to defend one who is entangled in law in Nevada.

MR. MENZIES, who has just published a valuable work on forests in England, says that lightning never strikes dead trees, but always selects the strongest, and that it is well known that the ivy often acts as a lightning conductor.

The petition from the Mormon women was a fraud. Numbers of those named appeared, then they signed any such paper, but when they did sign a petition to deny the women of Utah free admission to the continental exposition.

The "hanging" question is being investigated in Great Britain in the interests, not of the condemned, but of humanity. Prof. Hargrave, of the university of Dublin, who has given the subject a good deal of attention, reports very strongly the use of any method which fails to produce instantaneous death, and recommends a long drop with the knot under the chin.

CHARLES FRANCIS ADAMS, Jr., contributes an article to the Atlantic Monthly, in which some interesting statistics are given, showing that the deaths by rail are lower than from almost any other cause. For instance, he shows that more deaths occur from falling down stairs in the city of Boston than proportion to the population, than occur in the city of Massachusetts in proportion to the persons traveling.

The Jews of England are not disposed to allow their religion to be contented to have a monopoly of literature in intellectual contact with the "lords of creation." Miss Isabella G. Clark successfully passed the major examination of the English pharmaceutical society, and was thereupon duly admitted as a pharmaceutical chemist. Her performance in passing the examination is the first on record of a lady doing so.

The late postmaster of Boston bears testimony as follows to the excellence of the service rendered by the much maligned feminine clerks in his department: "The women here are not only intelligent in looking up notes and misdirected letters, and in making returns to the dead-letter office. They have also been a single instance in nine years where the accounts of any woman have shown a deficiency of one dollar in the Boston postoffice."

A RECENT VISITOR to the Dismal Swamp describes it, in Forest and Stream, as having lost none of the characteristics which gave it its name. Bears are not so plenty there as when the region was heavily populated by man, yet they still afford sport for hunters. Lake Umbagog, once beloved by the ignorant to be bottomless is really not in any place more than fifteen feet deep. Its water, impregnated with the juices of juniper and gun leaves, is of the color of wine, and is drunk as a remedy by consumptives.

MISSERS FLOOD & O'BRIEN, managers of the consolidated Virginia and California mining company, have announced their determination to send a specimen to the product of these mines to the centennial exhibition. They are preparing to put a working force on their mines large enough to turn out ten million of bullion. This will be shipped to Philadelphia in time. There will be one hundred and fifty tons of it in the shape of three thousand five hundred silver bars, each weighing one hundred and fifty pounds, and require a train of fifteen cars, bearing ten tons each, to carry it. This ten million dollars' worth of silver will be the product of one month's working of a crevice in the earth one thousand two hundred feet in length. It is stated that the yield of these two mines for the present year will be twenty-one million dollars.

A PHILADELPHIA experimenter has been conducting the experiment of "Diet" in respect to economical living and a reasonable diet, and communicates to the public the result of his effort to feed a family of three on a dollar a week. He tried corn-meal and found it insipid. Buckwheat soon followed, and potatoes soon failed to sustain bodily strength. Then oatmeal was tried, and at the expiration of two weeks, says the experimenter, "I found myself four and a quarter pounds heavier. My wife had gained three pounds, while the lad had gained over five pounds. Our food outlay for fourteen days was exactly two dollars and eighty cents, or less than seven cents per day for each person. We are now preparing to try corn-meal, with an occasional 'mixed meal.'"

THE success of the new "harmonic system of multiplex telegraphy" is a charmingly simple name, by the way—excites the suspicion that our knowledge of the powers and uses of telegraphy is merely in its infancy. It suggests, moreover, an immediate application of the fluid in a manner which will benefit immensely all those large cities and towns of the country which are gifted with musical taste. If the telegraphic apparatus can be so constructed as to produce notes in the way of music, the telegraph can operate as an orchestra or Thomas' orchestra by wire with every town and concert answer for all. It would be a great saving to the performers, and the valuable character of the performance could undoubtedly be improved by the use of the telegraph.

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LATEST NEWS.

SOUTH AND WEST.

The annual death-rate in New Orleans of negroes is double that of whites.

Work is to commence at once on the forty-mile railway between Little Rock and Pine Bluff, on the Little Rock, Pine Bluff and New Orleans railroad.

The court of appeals at St. Louis has affirmed the decision of the lower court, that the Missouri state lottery is illegal. This case will probably go up to the supreme court.

Augustus, a negro, is the man who assassinated ex-Senator O'Fallon, of St. Louis, parish, Louisiana. The murderer was pursued into a swamp, but will probably be captured.

A Louisville dispatch declares the present flood from the overflow of the Ohio in that vicinity the most damaging that has occurred for years. Railroads have suffered severely.

The workingmen of Gilroy, Cal., have organized a society, under the name of "The Order of Caucasians," the object of which is to aid all white people in securing work, in preference to the employment of the Chinese.

A Louisville dispatch shows that the state has a population of about one million, two hundred and seventy-five thousand as compared with a population of eight hundred and eighty thousand five hundred years ago.

California's wild product in 1875 is stated at eight millions of gallons. The supply is greater than the demand. The makers have, in convention, decided that two-thirds of it might be profitably made into brandy if the government would reduce the tax.

The debt of Kentucky amounts to \$14,334, of which only \$10,340 is due for about seven years. The governor says that the state is able to pay it many times over.

Special dispatches from Bismarck contain glowing accounts from the Black Hills. A party carrying the mail between Bismarck and Black Hills has returned, and gave the following account of the country.

The report is vouched for as thoroughly trustworthy. Twelve hundred men are now in that portion of the Black Hills through which Rapid Creek runs. The average number of men is about 1,000.

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Moody and Sankey, in eighteen Sunday meetings held in Chicago, have secured 225,000 persons, or an average of 12,500 at each meeting.

The officers of the direct cable company in New York announce their cable broke again about one hundred and fifty miles from New York.

The Chicago Tribune's crooked whisky editor has made the discovery that the waste beer from the saloons in that city is worth a large sum of money.

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COLUMBIA, TENNESSEE, FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 1876.

CONGRESSIONAL.

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